

**Joosteite****Mn<sup>2+</sup>Mn<sup>3+</sup>O(PO<sub>4</sub>)**

**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As irregular aggregates to 3 mm.

**Physical Properties:** *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 4 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 4.13

**Optical Properties:** Opaque. *Color:* Black; opaque to dark brown in thin sections, gray with a brownish tint in reflected light. *Streak:* n.d. *Luster:* Metallic. Low to moderate bireflectivity; distinct anisotropy.

R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>2</sub>: n.d.

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* I2/a. *a* = 11.888(2) *b* = 6.409(1) *c* = 9.804(2)  $\beta$  = 106.17(3) $^\circ$  *Z* = 8

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Helikon II pegmatite, Karibib, Namibia.  
2.819 (10), 3.077 (8), 3.209 (6), 2.082 (5), 1.787 (5), 1.495 (5), 2.184 (4)

<b>Chemistry:</b>	(1)	(2)
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.22	
MgO	0.43	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.03	
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	29.97	32.14
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.15	
CaO	0.02	
MnO	31.14	32.12
Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	22.80	35.74
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	12.86	
Total	97.62	100.00

(1) Helikon II pegmatite, Karibib, Namibia; by electron microprobe, corresponding to (Mn<sup>2+</sup><sub>1.00</sub>Mn<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.64</sub>Fe<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.36</sub>)<sub>2.00</sub>(P<sub>0.98</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)O. (2) Mn<sup>2+</sup>Mn<sup>3+</sup>O(PO<sub>4</sub>).

**Occurrence:** From the alteration of oxidized sicklerite in a granitic rare-element pegmatite.

**Association:** Lithiophilite, sicklerite, eosphorite, amblygonite, varulite, dickinsonite, hureaulite, apatite, unidentified Fe/Mn oxides.

**Distribution:** From the Helikon II pegmatite, Karibib, Namibia.

**Name:** Honors Mrs. Charlotte Jooste (1920-2009), Karibib, Namibia, for her support of pegmatite research in Central Namibia.

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**References:** (1) Keller, P., F. Fontan, F. Velasco Roldán, and P. de Parseval (2007) Joosteite, Mn<sup>2+</sup>(Mn<sup>3+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>)(PO<sub>4</sub>)O: a new phosphate mineral from the Helikon II Mine, Karibib, Namibia. Neues Jb. Mineral. Abh., 183, 197-201. (2) Keller, P., F. Lissner, and T. Schleid (2007) The crystal structure of joosteite, (Mn<sup>2+</sup>,Mn<sup>3+</sup>,Fe<sup>3+</sup>)<sub>2</sub>[PO<sub>4</sub>]O, from the Helikon II Mine, Karibib (Namibia), and its relationship to staněkite, (Fe<sup>3+</sup>,Mn<sup>2+</sup>,Fe<sup>2+</sup>,Mg)<sub>2</sub>[PO<sub>4</sub>]O. Neues Jb. Mineral. Abh., 184, 225-230. (3) (2008) Amer. Mineral., 93(11), 1945 (abs. ref. 1).